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Description

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT Powderhorn Mountain Resort Snowmaking Supply Line and Trail Project USDA Forest Service Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests Grand Valley Ranger District Mesa County, Colorado The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) are preparing an environmental assessment for Powderhorn Mountain Resort to install a snowmaking supply line and construct a mountain biking trail. Powderhorn is located approximately 40 miles east of Grand Junction and operates under a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Special Use Permit (SUP). The project would occur within the SUP area, as well as National Forest System lands beyond the SUP area. Based on the analysis, Forest Supervisor, Chad Stewart, will then decide whether or not to approve the following projects: -- Installation of a snowmaking supply line from Anderson Reservoir #2 on the top of Grand Mesa down near the top terminal of Lift #1. -- Construction of the Anderson Reservoir #2 Pump House and associated intake structure. -- Construction of the Rim View Connector Trail to integrate PMR's mountain biking trails into the adjacent trail network on NFS lands. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and subject to the objection process described in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Additional information is available for review on the GMUG planning website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56710>. Please contact Loren Paulson at (970) 242-8211x4112, or by email loren.paulson@usda.gov to request a copy. How to Comment and Timeframe Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Grand Valley Ranger District, c/o Loren Paulson, 2777 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction, CO, 81506. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted via the project website (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56710>), then click "Comment/Object on project" from the menu on the right side of the page. The name and address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included. Specific written comments (218.2) on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Grand Junction Sentinel. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer, and lender. Published: September 18, 2019.

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